MMR_0738 Robert "Bob" Jekel Pacific Northwest Region

July 2023—Parkade Hobbies, sadly, a Kennewick hobby shop and destination for model railroaders for more than 20 years, is closing in July of 2023. MMR and Owner Bob Jekel is selling eveything. Bob said he decided to retire after his recent 82nd birthday.

Hisa hobby shop was itself a hobby to him. Bob began it shortly after he retired.

Bob is a Master Model Railroader (MMR) who has achieved the highest level of recognition in the model railroading community. The Master Model Railroader (MMR) title is awarded by the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) to individuals who demonstrate exceptional skill, knowledge, and dedication to the hobby.